Persons unduly harassed at immigration and customs counters

2862. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the persons belonging to the Sikh Community are unduly harassed at the immigration and customs counters while going to and returning from abroad;

(b) whether Government have received any representation from harassed travellers to this effect; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) No such complaint has been received.

बिहार में यात्री निवास और होटलों का निर्माण

2863. **श्री इश दत्त यादव:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार की सहायता से कितने पर्यटन केन्द्रों, यात्री निवासों तथा होटलों का निर्माण किया गया है;

(ख) इनका निर्माण किन-किन स्थानों पर किया गया है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार सरकार के कुछ प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार के पास लम्बित पड़े हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया): (क) और (ख) किसी स्थान आधारभूत सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करने की मुख्य जिम्मेवारी राज्य सरकारों की होती है। तथापि, विशिष्ट परियोजनाओं के लिए, उनके गुण-दोष, धन की उपलब्धता और पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं पर निर्भर करते हुए केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की जाती है। इस मापदण्ड के आधार पर गत तीन वर्षों (1989-90 से 1991-92 तक) के दौरान, बिहार राज्य में सात पर्यटक परिसर/गृह वैशाली, बाल्मीकि नगर, हजारीबाग, तोपचांची, पैथान, हाजीपुर पिपराकोठी में स्वीकृत किए गए हैं। तथापि, यात्री निवास का निर्माण करने के लिए कोई परियोजना स्वीकृत नहीं की गई है।

(ग) से (घ) जी, हां। पर्यटन संबंधी आधारभूत सुविधाओं का विकास करने के लिए राज्य सरकार से विस्तृत अनुमानों सहित प्राप्त प्रस्तावों में से, मुंघेर तथा औरंगाबाद में पर्यटन परिसर का निर्माण करने और टैंटों में आवास की व्यवस्था करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन हैं।

Tourist packages for coining summer season

2864. SHRI JAGADISH JAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce tourist packages for promoting the growth of number of tourists during ensuing summer season; and

(b) if so, the details of these packages introduced or proposed to be launched to encourage tourists to Orissa and other States during the ensuing summer?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At the instance of the Government, Air India has evolved off season Tour Packages for promoting India during the summer season (April-September) in years 1992, 1993 and 1994. These packages are based on the attractive rates offered by Air India, Indian Airlines, India Tourism Development Corporation and other Hotel Chains. A number of itineraries have been drawn up which include tourist places in Orissa.

India Tourism Development Corporation also propose to float other packages for the summer season covering Bhubaneswar and Puri in the State of Orissa.

New areas under Vayudoot map

2865. SHRI JAGADISH JAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have a proposal to bring some new areas in the country under the Vayudoot map during the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, what are the places so identified;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to introduce Vayudoot services to some new places in Orissa;

(d) if so, whether Phulabeni is also proposed to be linked by Vayudoot services in the year 1992-93; and

(e) whether it is proposed to be connected with Bhubaneswar and Rourkela?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Expansion of Bagdogra Airport

2866. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the improvement and expansion of Bagdogra Airport in Darjeeling;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Airports Authority has a plan to extend and modify the existing terminal building in the 8th Five Year Plan subject to availability of land and resources.

(c) Does not arise.

Development of tourism in West Bengal

2867. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) what was the total amount sanctioned by the Central Government for the development of tourism in West Bengal during the last five years; and

(b) what were the names and details of the schemes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The total amount sanctioned during the last five years (1986-87 to 1990-91) was Rs. 633.18 lakhs.

(b) The details are as under:—

—Two Yatri Niwases

—Two Yatrikas

—Wayside facilities at three locations

—Tourist lodges/accommodation establishments at six places

—Three Launches/Cruise Vessels

The other facilities include the development of trekking, provision of water-sports equipment, tented accommodation and publicity support.

Officers Deputed by Air India to Study the Privatisation of British Airways

2868. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether Air India has deputed some senior Officers to study the privatisation of the British Airways to London, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred in foreign exchange on their study;

(d) what are the salient features of the Report submitted by them; and

(e) what is his Ministry's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Supreme Court Directive in Air India Case

2869. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state.

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news item captioned "SC. directive in AI case—Promotions liable to review" appearing in the Indian Express, New Delhi of the 14th January, 1992;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry/Air India has studied the implications of the Supreme Court judgement referred to therein;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto;